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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S 1972 REPORT ON US FOREIGN POLICY

1. THERE FOLLOWS FOR POST INFORMATION TEXT OF AUSTRIAN SECTION OF SECRETARY'S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED APRIL 19. POST SHOULD PROTECT TEXT UNTIL RELEASE DATE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO SALZBURG IN MAY, EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW, MARKED A HIGH POINT IN U. S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS IN 1972 AND SERVED TO UNDERLINE OUR INTEREST IN THE INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY, AND WELL-BEING OF AUSTRIA. THE VISIT OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A USEFUL DISCUSSION ON MATTERS RELATING TO EUROPEAN SECURITY, EAST-WEST DEVELOPMENTS, AND BILATERAL INTERESTS.

A) AUSTRIAN IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING, GOING FROM \$121 MILLION IN 1970 TO \$156 MILLION IN 1971. THE INCREASE IS DUE IN PART TO OUR EFFORTS TO HELP U. S. FIRMS EXPAND EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA AND EASTERN EUROPE BY UTILIZING VIENNA'S POSITION AS AN IMPORTANT REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTER. WE WILL OPEN A

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REGIONAL TRADE OFFICE THERE IN THE SPRING OF 1973 IN  
SUPPORT OF EXPANDING U. S. EXPORTS TO EASTERN EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES.

B) REALIZING A LONG SOUGHT OBJECTIVE, AUSTRIA SIGNED AN  
AGREEMENT IN JULY 1972 WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ESTAB-  
LISHING A FREE- TRADE ZONE IN INDUSTRIAL GOODS BY  
STAGES BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 1972.

C) THREE ROUNDS OF THE U. S.- U. S. S. R. SALT I TALKS WERE  
HELD IN VIENNA BETWEEN 1971 AND 1972 AND THE CITY WAS  
CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED EAST- WEST  
CENTER FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS IN LATE 1972. VIENNA  
WAS ALSO SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR MBFR EXPLORATORY  
TALKS WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY 1973. THESE DEVELOPMENTS  
SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT VIENNA'S IMPORTANCE AS A CENTER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND TO UNDER-  
LINE AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY.

D). THERE HAS BEEN CLOSE COOPERATION UETWEEN AUSTRIA AND  
THE UNITED STATES ON A NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS,  
SUCH AS AIR SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL.  
END TEXT. ROGERS

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